

# NEWS

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## Residents will soon receive contested State tax bills

This month more than 62,000 San Bernardino County homeowners will receive a bill from the State of California demanding a \$150 Fire Protection "Fee". The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors aggressively opposed the State's imposition of this "fee", which in the County's opinion is not a fee but a legally questionable tax that will provide no additional benefit to those who pay it.

"This so-called fee is nothing but a gimmick to plug holes in the State's chronically deficit-ridden budget, and the residents who are being forced to pay it are receiving no additional benefits or services in return," said Supervisor Janice Rutherford.

The State created the tax last year and imposed it on "state responsibility areas", defined as areas where the State is primarily responsible for fire services. In San Bernardino County, these areas include virtually all of the county's mountain communities. A detailed map of the areas subject to the tax can be found at <http://firepreventionfee.org/srviewer.php>.

"This tax is arguably the most blatant and transparent theft from taxpayers I have ever witnessed," said Supervisor Neil Derry, one of the leading opponents of the tax. "Most of our residents subject to this tax will not benefit one iota because this money is actually going to fund the state budget deficit."

In opposing this tax, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors pointed out that property owners in these areas already pay an assessment for fire protection and prevention services, making the new State tax "double taxation" without any additional benefit. The situation will "create long-term fiscal uncertainty as well as the disruption of mutual aid between local, state and federal agencies" during times of emergency, the Board said.

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"This is one of the most egregious examples of the majority party in Sacramento balancing its out-of-control state budget on the backs of our overtaxed residents," said San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Brad Mitzelfelt. "I support every effort to challenge and fight this clearly illegal tax, especially since it provides no additional benefit to the safety of those paying it."

The Board of Supervisors authorized County attorneys to explore the possibility of legal action against the state to protect residents against the tax.

Prior to receiving the bill from the State, those who will be charged should also receive a pre-billing notice and an informational brochure from the state. A draft can be viewed at [http://www.boe.ca.gov/meetings/pdf/072412\\_P4\\_4\\_Fire\\_Prevention\\_Fee\\_Program.pdf](http://www.boe.ca.gov/meetings/pdf/072412_P4_4_Fire_Prevention_Fee_Program.pdf). The brochure advises taxpayers that they will have 30 days to either pay the tax or protest the amount of the bill in writing. Questions are referred to a toll-free phone number, 888-310-6447, or [www.firepreventionfee.org](http://www.firepreventionfee.org).

State Board of Equalization member George Runner has established a website with additional information about the tax and how taxpayers can appeal: <http://www.calfirefee.com/>.

# Thanksgiving Baskets needed for Foothill Family Shelter

**Last year we distributed 277 baskets....  
help us reach even more families this year!!**

- ~ Please provide a meal for a deserving family ~
- ~ Please place all contents in a box or basket ~
- ~ Please contact us and let us know you want to contribute ~
- ~ All baskets need to be delivered to our office on or before Wednesday,  
November 14th ~

## **Shopping List**

- 1 \$10.00 grocery card to purchase a turkey (Stater Bros.,  
Albertsons, or Vons
- 1 box of stuffing
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 box of potatoes
- 1 can of candied yams
- 1 can of French style green beans
- 1 can of mushroom soup
- 1 can of fried onions
- 1 can of corn
- 1 can of turkey gravy
- 1 oven roasting pan
- 1 oven roasting bag (turkey size)

**Do you want to help, but may not have the time? Please  
consider donating just \$40.00 for a Thanksgiving Basket.**

**For more information, please contact Shauna or Megan.**

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## For Immediate Release

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## Inland Empire United Way Gives Fontana Kids a New GOAL!

Inland Empire United Way (IEUW) is proud to bring the GOAL! Youth Financial Literacy Program to Fontana. By utilizing VISA Financial Soccer and forming strategic community partnerships, GOAL! teaches youth some of the necessary skills and information to become financially responsible adults. This free program is provided in partnership with Bank of America Merrill Lynch and the Boys & Girls Club of Fontana.

GOAL! activities are being held at the Boys & Girls Club of Fontana main clubhouse from October 29-November 2. Each day, fifth – ninth grade students are participating in a financial literacy class conducted by employee volunteers from Bank of America Merrill Lynch. The four financial modules include: “Saving,” “Budgets,” “Credit, Debit & Pre-Paid Cards,” and “Creditworthiness.”

On Friday, November 2 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., GOAL! will conclude with a special community celebration. Students will participate in the Visa Financial Soccer Video Game Challenge, which uses a fun and entertaining soccer video game to test their financial literacy knowledge. Representatives from Inland Empire United Way, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Fontana Unified School District, Boys & Girls Club of Fontana, and City of Fontana have been invited to attend to cheer the students on.

“We’re excited to bring this program to the Boys & Girls Club of Fontana,” said Lorraine Ousley, Director of Community Programs at Inland Empire United Way. “Together with our partners, we are committed to providing our community’s youth with the tools they need to thrive in the future.”

“Bank of America is proud to support the GOAL! Program to provide important financial education to students in a new and exciting format. This is one of the many ways bank employees truly enjoy giving back to the local community, and we are pleased to be part of the United Way’s program,” said Al Arguello, Market President, Bank of America.

### About Inland Empire United Way

*Inland Empire United Way (IEUW) is a nonprofit organization that works in partnership with local community leaders, businesses, government agencies, other nonprofits, and individuals to build a stronger, healthier community. By focusing on Education, Health, and Financial Stability, and Volunteerism, as well as 2-1-1 San Bernardino County, long-lasting and positive changes are made in the lives of children, families, and individuals. The IEUW service area covers portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial counties. LIVE UNITED is a call to action for everyone to become part of the change. For more information about your local United Way, please visit their website at [www.ieuw.org](http://www.ieuw.org).*

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## Department of Boating and Waterways **NEWS**

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**Oct. 24, 2012**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Oct. 24, 2012

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#### **\$3.39 Million in Grants for Boating Facilities Approved**

*Projects Will Improve Boating Facilities in San Bernardino and Ventura Counties*

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** - The California Boating and Waterways Commission (Commission) today approved \$3.39 million in grants for upgrades to boat launching facilities in Ventura and San Bernardino counties.

The projects and their improvements include:

#### **Moabi Regional Park Boat Launching Facility - San Bernardino County**

The Commission approved an \$840,000 grant to San Bernardino County for parking lot and exit lane improvements, restroom replacement, a boat wash down area, related utilities, and incidental landscaping at the Moabi Regional Park Boat Launching Facility.

#### **Ventura Harbor Boat Launching Facility - Ventura County**

The Commission approved a \$2,550,000 grant to the Ventura Port District to replace the nearly 50-year-old six-lane concrete boat launch ramp, reconfigure boarding floats, and provide slope protection at the Ventura Harbor Boat Launching Facility.

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*Grant and loan applications are submitted to the Department of Boating and Waterways and funding for approved projects is derived from the taxes paid by boaters on the purchase of vessel gasoline and the repayment of principal and interest on department-made loans.*

*The department provides grants to a county, city, district or other public agency for the construction of small craft boating launching facilities and loans to local agencies for the construction of small craft harbors. These grants and loans require the consent of the [Boating and Waterways Commission](#).*

# FONTANA STATION

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**SAN BERNARDINO  
CO. SHERIFF'S  
DEPT.  
FONTANA STATION  
CAPTAIN  
STEVE SMITH**



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## SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE

In an effort to prevent underage drinking the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Fontana station will be enforcing Social Host Ordinance.

The prohibitions of the ordinance are as follows:

It is the duty of a social host who knowingly permits or allow a gathering on the property to take all reasonable steps to prevent the consumption of alcoholic beverages by any minor at the gathering. Reasonable steps include, but are not limited to, controlling access to alcoholic beverages.

Controlling the quantity of alcoholic beverages present at the gathering. Verifying the age of each person attending the

gathering by inspecting each person's driver's license or other government-issued identification cards and supervising the activities of the minors at the gathering.

No social host shall allow a gathering to take place or continue on his/her private property if a minor at the gathering obtains, possesses, or consumes any alcoholic beverage and the social host knows or reasonably should know, that the minor has obtained, possesses, or consuming alcoholic beverages at the gathering.

No social host shall allow a gathering to take place or continue on his/her private property if a minor at the gathering ob-

tains, possesses, or consumes any alcoholic beverage, when the social host has not taken all reasonable steps to prevent the consumption of alcoholic beverages by any minor at the gathering.

If the social host is found to have allowed the consumption of alcoholic beverages by any minor (s), the host will be cited and fined for the County Ordinance for each consuming minor. The minor and their parents will also be cited and fined. The Social host can also be arrested for Child Endangerment or Contributing to the Delinquency of a minor.

Help us prevent underage drinking.

## IN MEMORY OF MARTIN LANDAETA

It is with great sadness and sorrow, I must report the untimely passing of Detective Martin Landaeta. Martin passed away on August 18, 2012, after being involved in an auto accident, while on his way to Laughlin.

Martin was a 14 year veteran of the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department and was assigned to the Specialized Investigation Division and formerly of Chino Hills. He is survived by his wife and two children . Martin is greatly missed.



## ILLEGAL VENDOR SWEEP

On Saturday, September 8, 2012, deputies from the Fontana Station along with Code Enforcement and Environmental Health conducted a sweep of illegal food vendors.

The sweep was conducted in the unincorporated areas of Fontana and Bloomington. A number of subjects were cited one was arrested and approximately sixty pounds of food was confiscated and destroyed.

Illegal food vendors pose several degrees of problems to the public. For instance; if the vendor is located on a busy street or corner, there is more traffic congestion or the potential for an accident to occur. There

are also the very serious considerations of food poisoning to think about.

The Environmental Health Department found food with evidence of cross contamination, improper storage, and not being prepared at proper temperatures.

These illegal food vendors do not have access to sanitized facilities, to adequately wash and prepare the food you are purchasing. These people don't have access to bathrooms or even a sink to wash their hands before touching your food. On that note; if someone is buying food from these vendors, they should also con-

sider the possibilities of what communicable diseases the vendor might have. With the lack of sanitation for example, that vendor could possibly have Hepatitis and pass that on to you or worse your innocent child.

We understand they're trying to earn money, but so are the business owners who have gone about things legally to serve you food. It isn't fair for them and it isn't fair for the public to be put at risk for any kind of illness from the improper ways these illegal vendors are doing business.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

## RESIDENTIAL ROBBERY

On Monday June 11, 2012, the victim arrived at her residence and saw a white female adult, later identified as Catherine Dobson, inside of her house. The victim told Dobson to get out or she would call 911. Dobson grabbed the victim's arm and prevented her from dialing 911. Dobson tried to pry the cell phone from the victim's hand. When the victim would not let go of her

cell phone, Dobson bit the victim's arm, cut her left arm and struck her in the head several times with her fists. Dobson was able to get the cell phone away from the victim and then fled the location on foot. The victim was transported to the hospital for the treatment of her injuries.

Dobson is a white female adult, in her early 50's, approximately 5'7" in

height and weighs approximately 155 pounds. She has brown, graying hair and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing camouflage pants and an unknown colored shirt.

## AUTO CLUB SPEEDWAY.

On September 15, 2012, the Auto Club Speedway hosted the Izod Indycar Series. The event was open to the public and was held at the Auto Club Speedway located on Cherry Ave. in Fontana. Some of the fastest cars in the world and top drivers were present. There were numerous merchandise booths and



food vendors on hand. The event was successful and had no major incidents to report. We hope this will be the beginning to many more years to come with the return of this race, along with Nascar.

Please keep your eye open for next year's race schedules.





Detective Nessel of the Fontana Station conducting the day's briefing at Auto Club Speedway during the Indy Car Series



Deputy Mondragon (on left) of the Fontana Station with another County Deputy patrolling during the race.



# ARMED AND DANGEROUS SUSPECT

On Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 1:55 p.m. Deputies from the Fontana Sheriff's Station were dispatched to an armed robbery that had just occurred at San Bernardino Avenue and Larch Avenue in Bloomington. When deputies arrived, they were given a description of the suspect vehicle, and told that the suspect(s) had confronted a female victim, brandished a weapon and stole her purse.

Deputies and the Sheriff's helicopter located the suspect vehicle in the area of Manzanita and Magnolia. While trying to stop the suspect(s), they accelerated their vehicle towards a deputy attempting to hit him and striking his unmarked car. Fearing for his safety, the deputy fired his duty weapon at the suspect vehicle. The suspect(s) fled the scene and a short pursuit ensued and ended when the suspect vehicle

stopped at a residence in the 9600 block of Linden.

Suspect Robledo fled on foot and was taken into custody nearby. Upon his arrest, Robledo told deputies he was not feeling well and was subsequently taken to a local hospital for an unknown medical issue.

Deputies believed that another suspect had possibly entered a residence where the pursuit ended and was barricaded inside. SWAT members from the Sheriff's Specialized Enforcement Division and investigators from the Sheriff's Homicide Detail shooting team were requested and responded to the location.

At approximately 7:15 p.m., SWAT personnel entered the property of the residence where the suspect vehicle had stopped and located a deceased male inside the vehicle.

Also located inside the vehicle was a handgun. No other suspects were located in or around the residence. Homicide Investigators are currently conducting the investigation.

At approximately 2:05 p.m., Sheriff's Dispatch was advised that fire personnel had responded to a residence in the 18500 block of Mari-gold for a male juvenile with a gunshot wound to the leg. The victim was taken to a local hospital where he was treated and released several hours later. Investigators from the Sheriff's Homicide Division are conducting this investigation as well, to determine if there is a correlation between the two incidents.

Deputies discovered that Eric Robledo had recently been released from State Prison and was on Post Release Community Supervision as a result of California Assembly Bill 109.

## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The holidays will soon be upon us and there are a few safety tips we would like you to please consider.

### 1.) Parking:

If you are shopping at night, please try to park in a well lit area and close to the entrance of the store.

Before exiting your vehicle you should remove GPS devices, iPods, cell phones, purses and wallets. These items are inviting and can be easily removed and sold.

Also, take a moment to look around for suspicious people. Before leaving the store, locate your keys and keep them in your hand, so that you can get in your car quickly.

### 2.) Packages left in your vehicle:

Do not leave your packages in plain sight. Cover them with something, so that the thief will not have an idea of what is in your car. Remember, that's your hard earned money, not their quick buck.

### 3.) Through your window at home:

Please remember that a thief is smart enough to realize, when they look through your window to see that beautiful Christmas tree with all those presents under it, they have just hit the lotto. The thief knows where to do their Christmas shopping. **AT YOUR HOME.**

### 4.) Calls asking for personal information:

During the holidays, you may receive a call asking for personal information by imposter charity groups. These people might ask for your social security number or bank account info, on the pretenses of making donations. You should ask for the name of the charity, a call back number, and a contact person so you can verify the legitimacy of the call. You have that right and if they are on the up and up, they shouldn't have a problem giving you this information.

Again, please be safe and enjoy the holidays.

## **SAN BERNARDINO SHERIFF'S**

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## **County and State Phone Numbers**

### **WeTip**

San Bernardino Sheriff's Fontana Station	909-356-6767
San Bernardino Sheriff's Dispatch	909-829-7311
San Bernardino Sheriff's Coroner	909-387-2989
San Bernardino County Fire	909-387-5974
Fontana Police Department	909-822-1121
Fontana Fire Department	909-829-4441
Rialto Police Department	909-820-2501
Rialto Fire Department	909-820-2501
California Highway Patrol	909-383-4247
California Highway Patrol Dispatch	909-428-5400
Child Protection Hotline	800-540-4000
Child Family Services	909-383-9800
Children's Fund	909-387-4949
Child Support Services	866-901-3212

### **800-78-Crime**

Graffiti Hotline	909-384-5250
Environmental Heath	909-884-4056
Elder Abuse Hotline	800-992-1660
National Suicide Lifeline	800-273-8255
Code Enforcement	909-384-5205
Arson Hotline	800-633-2836
Poison Control	800-222-1222
Animal Control	909-384-1304
Probation Department	909-387-5874
Public Defender	909-382-7639
Public Works	909-387-7906
ARMC Behavioral Heath	909-580-1800

In the unincorporated areas of Fontana, Bloomington, Rialto, Lytle Creek, San Antonio Heights, Rosena Ranch and Mount Baldy, all criminal reports are handled by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Fontana Station. All traffic, parking, accidents and road hazards are handled by the California Highway Patrol.



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## THE CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA

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# NEWS RELEASE

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### ***Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care & Adoption Center's Furry Friends Festival Success Story and Operation Cat Nip***

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

October 9, 2012

**Rancho Cucamonga, California** - The Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care & Adoption Center hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Furry Friends Festival and Pet Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, October 6, 2012 with great success. This event proved to be the Center's biggest and best yet with 148 participants in the Pet Walk-A-Thon, a delicious pancake breakfast hosted by our Rancho Cucamonga Fire Department, over 40 amazing vendors, 3 exciting entertainment acts (Frisbee Dogs, Xtreme Gymnastics, and Belly Dancers), and 14 dogs found new homes. Best of all, your fundraising efforts and donations helped us raise \$23,917.

The Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center would like to thank all of our sponsors, vendors, fundraisers, donors, and Pet Walk-A-Thon participants for helping us exceed our fundraising goal of \$20,000. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Animal Center's life-saving community programs such as spay and neuter, foster care, and medical rehabilitation.

The first of many community programs to benefit from the proceeds of this event is **Operation Cat Nip**. The Animal Center has partnered with local veterinary clinics to offer **FREE** Spays and Neuters for the outdoor/free-roaming cats of Rancho Cucamonga residents on Tuesday, October 16, 2012. That's right; there is no charge for the surgery, but you do have to make an appointment before October 16<sup>th</sup>.

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Rancho Cucamonga residents should contact (909) 466-7387 extension 2084 to schedule their appointments.

**For More Information** – For additional information about the Furry Friends Festival and Pet Walk-A-Thon, contact Heather Bolton at [heather.bolton@cityofrc.us](mailto:heather.bolton@cityofrc.us). For information about the Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center, please visit [www.RCPets.info](http://www.RCPets.info), call (909) 466-7387, or visit the Center at 11780 Arrow Route, Rancho Cucamonga. The Center is open Monday – Friday, 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday – Sunday, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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**San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board Executive Director  
Sandy Harmsen Appointed to Chair California Workforce Association**

San Bernardino, CA (September 6, 2012) – The San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board announced that Executive Director Sandy Harmsen was appointed to Chair of the California Workforce Association's Executive Committee. The committee facilitates the direction and management of the Association.

The California Workforce Association is a nonprofit membership organization that develops public policy strategies and builds local capacity to address critical workforce issues across California. It represents Workforce Investment Boards that are responsible for developing locally-based workforce strategies and solutions through a network of One-Stop Career Centers and other workforce partners.

"Sandy has led the San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board to national prominence and we are thrilled to have her leadership aboard CWA," said Barbara Halsey, Executive Director of the California Workforce Association. "Sandy cares deeply about her work and feels a personal connection to the workforce and employers that need support during this time of recovery."

Harmsen was appointed to Director of the San Bernardino County Department of Workforce Development in January 2008. She oversees 130 employees and the operation of the county's three Employment Resource Centers. Services available at these centers are offered under the Department of Labor's Workforce Investment Act and are administered by the County's Workforce Investment Board.

"Sandy's 15 years of proven experience with San Bernardino County has earned her statewide recognition," said Josie Gonzales, Chair of the Board of Supervisors. "Under her outstanding leadership, the County's Workforce Investment Board has partnered with community organizations, businesses and educators to strengthen our workforce and help put people back to work."

Employers and job seekers who are interested in the San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board programs may call: (800) 451-JOBS or visit [www.csb-win.org](http://www.csb-win.org).

**About the Workforce Investment Board of San Bernardino County**

The Workforce Investment Board of San Bernardino County (WIB) is comprised of private business representatives and public partners appointed by the County of San Bernardino Board

of Supervisors. The WIB strives to strengthen the skills of the County's workforce through partnerships with business, education and community-based organizations. The County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors is committed to providing county resources, which generate jobs and investment.

The WIB, through the County of San Bernardino's Economic Development Agency and Workforce Development Department, operates the County of San Bernardino's Employment Resource Centers (ERCs) and Business Resource Centers (BRCs). The ERCs provide individuals with job training, placement and the tools to strengthen their skills to achieve a higher quality of life. The BRCs support and provide services to the County's businesses including employee recruitment.

Employers and job seekers who are interested in the Workforce Investment Board programs may call: (800) 451-JOBS or visit [www.csb-win.org](http://www.csb-win.org). Also follow us on: Facebook [www.facebook.com/SBCountyWIB](http://www.facebook.com/SBCountyWIB); Twitter @InlandEmpireJob; and YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/SBCountyWIB>.



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